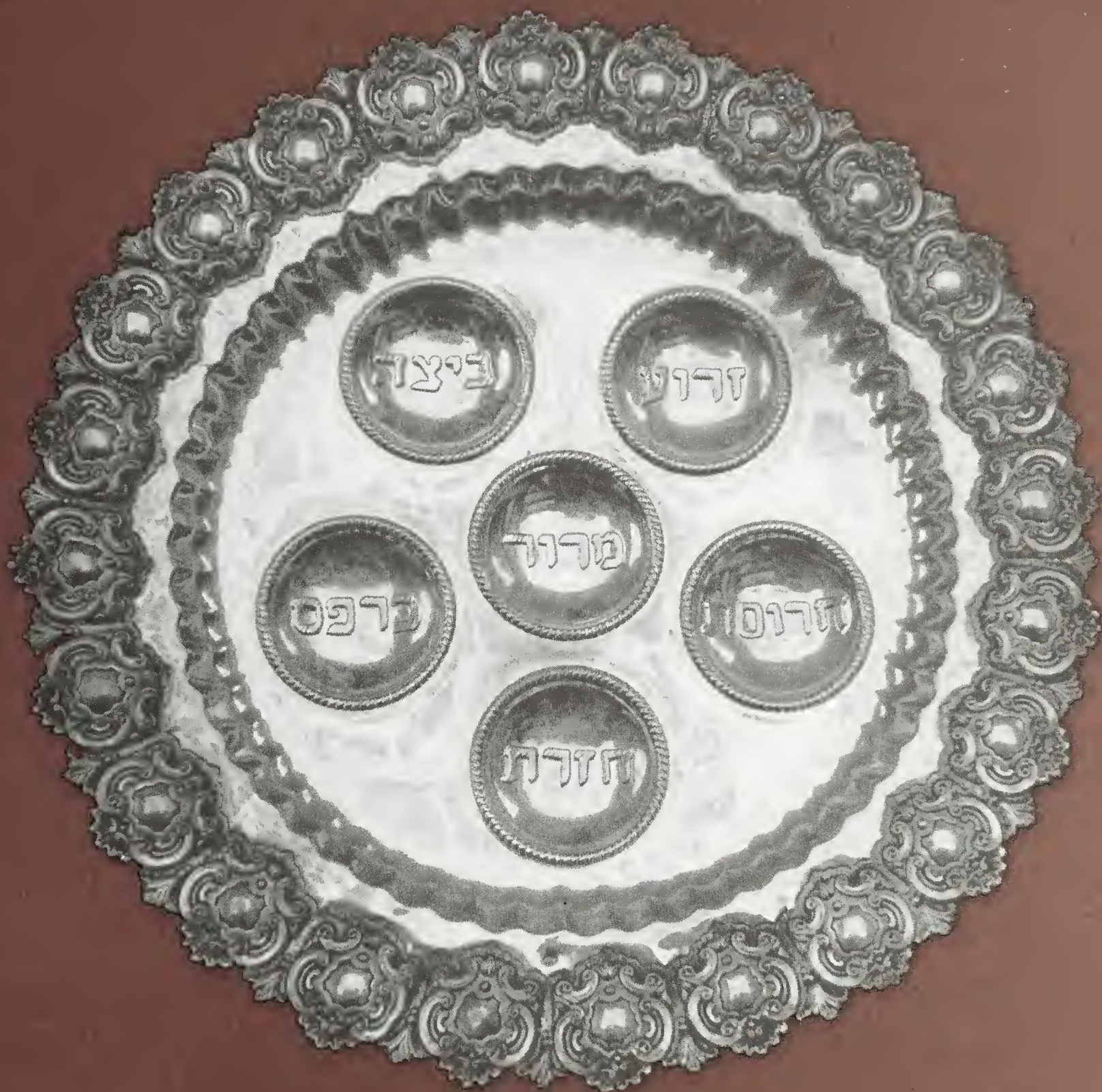


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Holding Open the Doors of Our Community

If I had to diagram the ideal Jewish identity, it would look like a series of concentric circles. At the center would be an individual's personal identity. The next ring would be the circle of family. The next ring would be the synagogue community. The synagogue functions within a larger circle of Jewish life, in North America, Israel and worldwide. Finally, the all-encompassing outside circle would include a series of deep commitments to all of humanity. These circles of identity are interconnected, collectively forming the core strength of what it is to be a Jew in the modern world.

In thinking of this year's Gala honorees, Lynn and Marty Halbfinger, the image of these concentric circles comes to mind. At each "ring of identity" Lynn and Marty exemplify the highest ideals of our people.

In their professional and volunteer lives, Lynn and Marty pay close attention to the civic community in which our synagogue exists. Their commitments to schools are evidence of their stake in the educational institutions of our city. I personally am grateful to Lynn for introduc-

ing me to the sacred work of FEGS, an organization committed to job placement and training, so critical especially during challenging economic times.

The general Jewish community has benefitted from Marty and Lynn's volunteering spirit. They both grew up with a *pushke* in the kitchen, and have taken the lessons of *tzedakah* with them everywhere they have gone. Lynn and Marty actually

of joy and sadness. They have raised their daughters here; both Bonnie and Carly became bat mitzvah in this community. Whether they are coming to synagogue or celebrating the festivals at home, the Halbfinger family is filled with a profound love of *yiddishkeit*.

Finally, at the center stand two simply wonderful individuals. From my first interactions with Lynn and Marty, I have come to love their welcoming demeanor and their delightfully heimish spirit, full of laughter and good cheer. Their quiet counsel has been invaluable to me and their love of our synagogue is a daily inspiration to my colleagues and to me.

When we gather on Saturday night March 13 to honor Lynn and Marty, we will thank two individuals who have given immeasurable time, effort and love to our synagogue. More than that, we will be celebrating the possibility of creating Jewish identities whose strength is drawn from being part of a much larger whole. In that spirit I express my hope that each and every member of our community will make a point of being part of something larger – our annual Gala, a blessed occasion to celebrate the ongoing achievements of Lynn and Marty, our Synagogue, and the highest ideals to which we aspire.

At the center stand two simply wonderful individuals

met at a UJA event while Marty was head of his division. Over the years, the Halbfingers have remained leaders in UJA.

Our synagogue has also been the beneficiary of countless volunteer hours given by Lynn and Marty. Their work as trustees, Marty's work as an officer, and both of their serving on countless committees, have added greatly to the energy that fills our community. When I speak with Lynn and Marty, it is clear to me that for them Park Avenue is a warm extension of family, an ongoing source of strength in times

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Hag kasher v'sameah!



How will this seder be different from other seders?

Many people begin to prepare for Pesah the moment Purim is over. Our attentions turn toward the seder: Where will it be? What will we eat? One question we tend to forget to ask: How will this year's seder be different? We spend hours preparing the house and the food for the seder, but what about the seder itself?

In Hebrew, the "Four Questions" are called *Arbah Kushiyyot*; however, a *kushiyyah* is not really a question, but a riddle. It implies an observation of behavior or an idea that deviates from what is expected so that one has to puzzle out or discuss what it means. During the Rabbinic period, when the format of the Seder was taking shape, the seder meal and discussion differed from routine in ways that prompted questions. Now that we have printed Haggadot to follow, the seder itself has become routine. In some ways the Haggadah has taken away what was intended to be spontaneous. We have to make changes in our seder in order to prompt questions.

Even by the time of Maimonides, in the 11th century, there was need for change and innovation in the Pesah seder. In his compilation of Jewish law, the *Mishneh Torah*, Maimonides teaches that there is more to the "*Ma nishtanah*" than a role for the youngest person at the table. He explains:

On the nights of the seders it is necessary to make changes in our behavior in order that our children will see this and ask the following question: Ma nishtanah halailah hazeh mikol haleilot? "Why (or how) is this night different from all other nights?" Afterwards we answer them and say, "this and that occurred and this and that was." This concept is so important that if there are no children, and even if everyone present is a scholar, we still ask each other Ma nishtanah halailah hazeh? Further, if someone is alone, he should ask himself "Ma nishtanah halailah hazeh?"

In order to meet this challenge, I suggest that we all plan at least one new question or innovation for our Pesah seder. The resulting discussions will guarantee that we fulfill the true intent of the mitzvah as Maimonides instructed. Turn to page 10 for a description of all the pre-Pesah events at PAS. The annual Haggadah Fair will provide suggestions for seder activities, as well as Haggadot that offer a variety of commentaries and ideas. On Tuesday, March 9, at 7:00 pm, we will screen the film *When Do We Eat?* with a discussion afterwards of how to make a seder that meets the needs of family members with different backgrounds and levels of interest. On Sunday, March 14 at 11:00 am, I will teach a class on "How to Create an Engaging Seder." I hope you will come, learn, and share your own suggestions. On Tuesday, March 16, Rabbi Cosgrove will speak on "Insights into the Haggadah." Whichever of these opportunities you take, remember to set aside a time for planning the seder.

Hag kasher v'sameah! Jodi and I wish you a happy and healthy Pesah!



If you would like PAS clergy to officiate at a lifecycle event, **please speak to a Rabbi before finalizing the time.** The Rabbis, Cantors, and entire PAS community are here for you; allow us to be a part of your lives. Please contact the Rabbis' Office at 212-369-2600, x120.

Events

Honoring Lynn and Martin Halbfinger 6th Annual Gala



Opening Our Doors! – Welcoming You In!

Saturday, March 13, 2010
Cocktails, 7:30 pm
Dinner & Dancing, 8:30 pm

Have you reserved your place? Please call Lynn Schneider now to make your reservations. 212-369-2600, x105.

*"The Prophet's Wife...will serve as a trusted companion
and guide for spiritual seekers in generations to come."*

Rabbi Elliot J. Cosgrove

March 19 – 21 | **Milton Steinberg 60th Yahrzeit and Book Launch**

When Milton Steinberg z"l died in 1950, he left an unfinished novel. *The Prophet's Wife* is a stirring portrait of the biblical prophet Hosca, his passionate and free-spirited wife Gomer, and a people seduced by the lures of power and idolatry to betray their faith. PAS is thrilled to host a book launch and a symposium in commemoration of Milton Steinberg's yahrzeit and legacy.

Friday, March 19

6:15 pm | **Musical Kabbalat Shabbat**

7:30 pm | **Congregational Shabbat Dinner** | \$ ①

Re-imagining the Bible: Fiction, Women, and the Power of Untold Stories

Anita Diamant, speaker

Like Milton Steinberg, Anita Diamant turned to the Bible to find a protagonist. Her award-winning first novel, *The Red Tent*, is based on the biblical story of Jacob's only daughter, Dinah. It became a national bestseller when it was published in 2001 and has since been published in 25 countries and 20 languages. Her newest book, *Day After Night*, tells the story of four female Holocaust survivors who meet in the British internment camp of Atlit and befriend one another as they grapple with making new lives in a new land. She has also written other novels, as well as non-fiction guides to contemporary Jewish life which have become standard reference books in homes across North America. Diamant is president and founder of Mayyim Hayyim: Living Waters Community Mikveh and the Paula Brody & Family Education Center, a 21st-century institution dedicated to exploring the ancient traditions of immersion.

Lecture arrangements made through B'nai B'rith Lecture Bureau

\$ ① Registration required; see Page 11 for registration information.



Saturday, March 20

9:15 am | **Shabbat Morning Services**

Rabbi Cosgrove will speak on Milton Steinberg's legacy.

1:00 pm | **Kiddush Program**

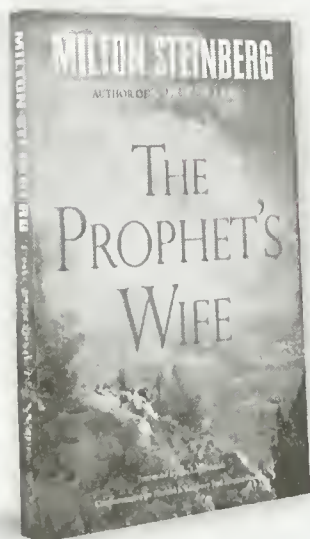
Rabbi Steinberg's sons Dr. Jonathan Steinberg and Dr. David Steinberg will read from his works and discuss his rabbinate.

Sunday, March 21

4:00 pm | **Book Launch of *The Prophet's Wife***

Rabbi Harold Kushner, Keynote Speaker

Rabbi Kushner has written a number of popular theological books and was co-editor of *Etz Hayim: A Torah Commentary*.



Panelists

Rabbi Dan Ehrenkrantz is president of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, where he also teaches courses in Jewish and Hebrew literature, text interpretation, and the cycles of Jewish life.

Dr. Arnold Eisen, Chancellor of JTS, is a scholar of the sociology of religion and of Jewish thought and an expert in religious change and the modern transformation of Jewish religious belief and practice.

Dr. Adriane Leveen is a professor of Bible at HUC-JIR Hebrew Union College. Her work on the Book of Numbers focuses on the transmission of tradition, memory, and values that occurred during the harsh conditions of 40 years in the wilderness.

Rabbi Dr. Jacob J. Schacter is University Professor of Jewish History and Jewish Thought and Senior Scholar at the Center for the Jewish Future at Yeshiva University. He has written about the nature of American Orthodoxy, as well as about the encounter of Judaism with other traditions.

Friday, March 5 19 Adar

Candle lighting, 5:33 pm

6:15 pm | **Musical Kabbalat Shabbat**

Saturday, March 6 20 Adar

Parashat Ki Tissa/Shabbat Parah

9:15 am | **Sanctuary Shabbat Service**
Shabbat HaKavod9:30 am | **Havurah**11:15 am | **Tot Shabbat HaKavod**5:45 pm | **Minha/Ma'ariv Service**

Friday, March 12 26 Adar

Candle lighting, 5:41 pm

6:15 pm | **Friday Evening Service with**
Children's Birthday Blessings

Saturday, March 13 29 Adar

Parashat Va-yak-hel/P'kudei/Shabbat HaHodesh

9:15 am | **Sanctuary Shabbat Service**
Bar Mitzvah of Noah Martin,
son of Jodee & Steven Martin10:15 am | **Jr. Congregation**5:00 pm | **Young Families Havdalah Service**5:45 pm | **Minha/Ma'ariv Service**

Manday, March 16 1 Nisan

7:00 am | **Morning Minyan**

Friday, March 19 4 Nisan

Candle lighting, 6:48 pm

6:15 pm | **Musical Kabbalat Shabbat**

Saturday, March 20 6 Nisan

Parashat Va-yikra

9:15 am | **Sanctuary Shabbat Service**Bat Mitzvah of Emma Fruchtman,
daughter of Beth & Michael Fruchtman10:15 am | **Iyyun Tefillah** (formerly Learners' Service)10:15 am | **Jr. Congregation**11:15 am | **Pre-K Shabbat**6:30 pm | **Minha/Ma'ariv Service**

Friday, March 26 11 Nisan

Candle lighting, 6:56 pm

6:15 pm | **Friday Evening Service**

Saturday, March 27 13 Nisan

Parashat Tzav/Shabbat HaGadol

9:15 am | **Sanctuary Shabbat Service**12:45 pm | **Minha Service**

Sunday, March 28 14 Nisan

9:00 am | **Morning minyan**

Monday, March 29 15 Nisan

7:00 am | **Shaharit and Siyyum**
for Ta'anit Bekhorot6:30 pm | **Minha Service; Ma'ariv Service /**
1st Night of Pesah7:00 pm | **Community Seder** *Registration required*

Tuesday, March 30 16 Nisan

9:15 am | **Festival Service / 1st Day of Pesah**12:45 pm | **Minha Service**7:45 pm | **Ma'ariv Service / 2nd Night of Pesah**8:00 pm | **Community Seder** *Registration required*

Wednesday, March 31 17 Nisan

9:15 am | **Festival Service 2nd Day of Pesah**12:45 pm | **Minha Service**For information about religious services for the remainder of Pesah, please consult the Winter/Spring Program Calendar or visit www.pasyn.org.

Special Services

Friday, February 12 | 6:15 pm

Birthday Blessings ברכות

This family service includes Shabbat blessings, a small gift for birthday children, and a festive kiddush.

For information, contact the Rabbis' office at 212-369-2600, x120.

Saturday, February 20 | 10:15 – 11:15 am

Iyyun Tefillah עיון תפילה

Delve into the siddur and learn how the traditional Jewish prayer book can be a spiritual resource. We will look at aspects of the Shabbat morning liturgy from the perspective of the Bible, theological reflections, history, mystical perspectives, halakhah, and more.

Manday, March 29 | 7:00 pm

Tuesday, March 30 | 8:00 pm

PAS Community Seders | \$ ①*immediately following services*

1st Night: Rabbi Rein & Cantor Razenfeld

2nd Night: Rabbi Casgrave & Cantor Schwartz

\$ ① For reservations information, please see page 11.

Rabbi Elliot J. Cosgrove and Rabbi Steven I. Rein will preach and conduct the services together with Cantor Nancy Abramson, Cantor Elana Rozenfeld and the Synagogue Choir, with Neil Robinson at the organ. Cantor Azi Schwartz will be at PAS for Pesah. **Daily morning minyanim** Monday-Friday at 7:15 am; Sunday and legal holidays at 9:00 am. **Minha/Ma'ariv** Sunday-Thursday at 5:45 pm. Any time changes are noted above. Information is subject to change. Confirm with the Synagogue office or at www.pasyn.org.



Co-sponsored by Men's Club with UJA@PAS
in collaboration with UJA-Federation of New York's Connect to Care partners:
JBFCs, FECS, the JCC in Manhattan, and over 20 synagogues

Connect-to-Care Job Fair

March 2 | 1:30 – 4:30 pm | At The JCC in Manhattan, Amsterdam Avenue at 76 St.

Meet recruitment professionals from a broad range of companies and staffing firms.
Discover employment opportunities. Network and speak with employers.
Bring copies of your resume. Business attire.

To register, call the JCC in Manhattan at 646-505-5708.

For more information, call 212. 399.2685, x206 or visit www.jcprograms.org/connect-to-care.

Tools, Tips & Resources: Taking Care of Ourselves & Our Maturing Family Members | ☎

Panel Discussion | March 18 | 7:00 – 9:00 pm

All congregants are invited to learn the issues, hear from the experts, and ask questions about the resources available to maturing adults and those who care for them. Our experienced panelists from DOROT, Selfhelp, JASA, JBFCs, Zicklin Jewish Hospice, and Jewish Home Life Care will address a variety of care options, including adult day programs, homecare, residential services, in-home hospice and long-term planning. Cantor Nancy Abramson will address how clergy can be helpful.

☎ RSVP to cdemarest@pasyn.org or 212-369-2600, x111.



DOROT Social Worker for PAS Seniors and Caregivers

Thursdays | 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Katie Weinberger, LMSW

For more information or to make an appointment, contact Katie at 212-769-2850 or kweinberger@dorotusa.org, or Rabbi Rein at srein@pasyn.org or at 212-369-2600, x124.

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Connect-to-Care: Consultation and Counseling for Difficult Economic Times

Employment and career counseling, financial consultation, debt counseling, budget assistance, legal services and personal counseling are available to individuals in the Jewish community at no charge through UJA-Federation's Connect-to-Care initiative.

To reach a Connect-to-Care counselor, call 212-399-2685, x206.



Jewish Bereavement Support Groups

Did someone you know lose a loved one in the past year? The JBFCs Shira Ruskay Center provides support groups, resources, and materials for anyone who has lost a spouse or partner, a parent, or a child, with special groups for people who have lost a loved one by suicide. Support groups are forming now for those mourning a spouse or a parent.

Groups are led by a rabbi and a social worker and are held at the Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services, 120 West 57th Street.

To refer someone or for more information, call 212.399.2320, x211 or email rschoenfeld@jbfc.org.

The JBFCs Shira Ruskay Center www.shiraruskay.org is an initiative of UJA-Federation of New York's Jewish Healing and Hospice Initiative.

PAS Response to Haitian Earthquake

Thank you to everyone who offered help to Haiti. Whether you sent a monetary donation or participated in the collaborative collection drive organized by our schools, clergy and committees, your efforts to assist the rescue and relief efforts of the American Joint Distribution Committee (otherwise known as "the Joint" or "JDC") in the aftermath of the Haitian earthquake are appreciated.

The JDC is one of UJA-Federation's primary overseas partner agencies working on behalf of North America's Jewish communities and others to rescue Jews in danger, provide relief to those in distress, revitalize overseas Jewish communities, and help Israel overcome the social challenges of its most vulnerable citizens. The JDC also provides non-sectarian emergency relief and long-term development assistance worldwide.

Synagogue Family

ברוכים הבאים Welcome

Park Avenue Synagogue warmly welcomes these new members to our congregational family:

Eric & Rebecca Feuerstein

David & Dara Hammerman

Sanford & Jennifer Smokler

Noah Martin | March 13

Noah Martin began his Jewish education at PAS Congregational School in first grade. Over the years, he has felt especially fortunate to play his violin for the Junior Congregation on many Shabbat mornings.

Noah attends Columbia Grammar and Prep School, where he plays basketball and enjoys studying Science, Global History, Geography, Music and languages. His favorite sports are baseball, basketball, football and tennis. He is passionate about the Yankees and the Giants. Noah also loves playing violin and trumpet and hopes to add other instruments to his repertoire. He is also passionate



about travel and has a long list of “dream” destinations.

Noah cherishes his relationships with close family members and friends. He is a warm, sensitive and loving person who is at his best when he is helping others.

Noah has enjoyed studying for his Bar Mitzvah and is excited to have the double Torah portion *Va-yakhel-P'kudei*.

He would like to thank his tutor Ronit Aranoff for preparing him, as well as Rabbi Cosgrove and Rabbi Rein for their guidance on his Dvar Torah.

Emma Fruchtman | March 20

When Emma Fruchtman was 5 years old, she passed by Park Avenue Synagogue and asked her Dad if they could go there “one time.” After one Kabbalat Shabbat service, Emma was hooked; she has been a full time participant ever since. Whether sitting in the front row with her sisters Sarah and Leah at a Friday night service, singing with the congregational choir or helping make a holiday art project, Emma has always enjoyed being a part of the PAS community.



Emma is in 7th grade at the Heschel School where in addition to learning Hebrew and discussing Jewish texts, she enjoys Math, Science and Art and plays on the volleyball team. Her true passions are singing, dancing, and acting. She takes hip hop and performs every semester in a big drama show. Emma also loves to spend time with her friends goofing around and with her family in Israel.

Emma is excited to become a Bat Mitzvah and would like to thank her tutor Ronit, the Rabbis, the Cantors and her family for helping her prepare for this special occasion.

מזל טוב Mazal tov

Mazal tov to **Elizabeth Sullivan**, daughter of Vera Wolff Sullivan, on her graduation from Hunter College in January with a B.A. in English Literature and Sociology.

המקום ינחם אתכם Condolences

The PAS community mourns the loss of members and extends condolences to members on their losses:

The family of Mildred Angerman

The family of Mary Barnett

Milton & Jena Berlinski *on the loss of his brother, Gilbert Berlinski*

Carol & Roger Einiger *on the loss of her mother, Bella Blum*

Caroline and Michael Gottschalk *on the loss of her father, Allen H. Bergman*

Geoffrey Colvin and Andrea Roberts and their families *on the loss of their mother, Phyllis Colvin*

Ilana Grossman Rosenbluth & Avi Rosenbluth *on the loss of her grandmother, Anna Kaminietz*

Fred Kastenbaum and Donald Kastenbaum and their families *on the loss of their father, Sidney Kastenbaum*

The family of Erwin Lurie

Marian Levitt *on the loss of her aunt, Mildred Pascal*

James Robbins and Ivan Robbins *on the loss of their wife and mother, Barbara Robbins*

Carol & Gershon Kekst *on the loss of her father, Daniel Schapiro*

An integrated list of opportunities for adult learning and programs at PAS Classes and events with no other sponsor listed are offered by the Department of Lifelong Learning. For complete information about classes and events, including registration information, please refer to the *Winter/Spring 2010/5770 Program Calendar* or to the PAS website, www.pasyn.org.

Weekly & Biweekly Classes

Monday

5:00 pm | Mor. 1 | **Understanding the Siddur** | C. E. Rozenfeld
 5:00 pm | Mor. 8, 22 | **Syn. Leadership Skills** | C. E. Rozenfeld
 Hebrew
 6:30 pm | **Beginning Siddur** | D. Monn
 6:30 pm | **Beginning Conversational** | Z. Rothschild
 6:30 pm | **Intermediate Conversational** | V. Nisson
 7:30 pm | **Advanced Conversational** | V. Huboro

Tuesday

8:00 am | **Essential Essays** | R. Cosgrove
 11:30 am | **Contemporary Jewish Thought** | R. Rein

Wednesday

6:45 pm | **Melton Adult Mini-School**

Thursday

9:15 am | **Melton Adult Mini-School**
 12:00 noon | **Lunch & Learn** | PAS Senior Staff

Friday

8:00 am | **Talmud Torah** | R. Rein

Shabbat/Saturday

8:45 am | **Parashat Hashavua**

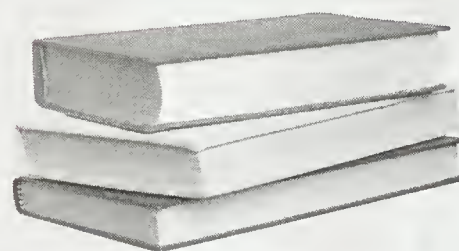


Co-sponsored by the Congregational School

Mitzvah Initiative | ①

Tuesday, March 2 | 4:45 – 5:30 pm | R. Rein
 Wednesday, March 3 | 5:00 – 5:45 pm | R. Cosgrove

① RSVP to Phyllis Spiro at pspiro@pasyn.org or 212-369-2600, x131.



Horim 101 | Thurs., Mor. 4 | 3:00 – 4:30 pm | R. Rein | ①

Members and non-members are invited to meet for support and advice on common concerns of new parents – horim, in Hebrew – as well as on integrating Judaism into your child's life from Hebrew naming and Jewish bedtime rituals to kashrut for babies and Shabbat with infants. Coordinated by new moms Donna Ellenbogen and Carolyn Shapiro.

① RSVP to Craig Demarest at cdemarest@pasyn.org or 212-369-2600, x111.



Women's Torah Study Group | ①

Monday, March 8 | 7:30 pm | Robbi Julio Andelman

For information or to be added to the group email list, contact Rabbi Julia Andelman at x142 or jandelman@pasyn.org.

① To RSVP, email lifelonglearning@pasyn.org or call 212-369-2600, x140.



Sponsored by Sisterhood

Sholom Aleichem Yiddish Club

Tuesday, March 16 | 1:00 pm

Whether you know just a few words, or speak fluently, join our heimish group for Yiddish conversation and culture, coffee and cake.

For information, call Florence Solomon, 212-369-3856.

Sponsored by WEG

Moonbeams

Thursday, March 18 for Rosh Hodesh Nisan | 7:30 pm

For information, contact Joann Rosoff at joannrosoff@aol.com.



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Synagogue ק"ק אגודת ישרים



Park Avenue Synagogue Passover Guide 2010

Rabban Gamliel used to say:

All who have not explained the
significance of three things during the seder
have not fulfilled their duty:

פסח

Pesah, the Passover sacrifice

מצה

Matzah, unleavened bread

מרור

Maror, bitter herbs

What did Rabban Gamliel mean? There is no other religious ritual where we are required to give explanations. One thought is that he was cautioning against a mechanical performance of the seder. Another suggestion is that he is reminding us of the biblical instruction that parents must teach the meaning of Pesah to their children. In fact, the paragraphs that come next in the Haggadah provide the only direct reply to some of the Four Questions. A third possibility is that in an age when followers of Christianity were also having seders, Rabban Gamliel wanted Jews to make clear that they were commemorating the redemption from Egypt.

Why these three items? Together they made up the menu at the original seder the night before the Israelites left Egypt: “They shall eat the meat [of the lamb] ... roasted over the fire, with matzah and maror.” (Exodus 12:8) Although we explain them in the order they appear in the verse, not in “historical order,” the three foods identify three successive moments in the story of the Exodus:

Maror captures the bitterness of enslavement;

The Pesah lamb, represented today by the roasted bone on the seder plate, recalls the blood on the doorposts and the terror and anticipation of the night of the plague of the firstborn;

Matzah indicates the following morning, when Israel was rushed out of Egypt with no time to let their dough rise.

Prohibited Foods

- Foods except matzah made from the 5 grains (wheat, oats, barley, rye, spelt) which the Torah prohibits on Pesah: bread, cakes, biscuits, cookies, crackers, pasta, cereal
- Coffees containing cereal derivatives
- Grain vinegar (used in pickles and mustard)
- Foods containing ingredients or flavorings made from grain alcohol (e.g., vanilla extract)

Kitniyot

Kitniyot, literally “little things,” are beans and seeds that look like the five prohibited grains or that may be ground into flour that resembles grain flour, including lentils, chickpeas, rice, corn, buckwheat, millet, soybeans and sesame seeds. Ashkenazic authorities do not allow these foods on Pesah. Most Ashkenazic authorities also forbid, although there are some who permit, the use of kitniyot products in a form other than their natural state, for example, corn sweeteners and corn oil, but not popcorn; lecithin, but not soybeans. The CJLS has ruled unanimously that peanuts and peanut oil are permissible, provided they have proper kosher supervision and no obvious hametz, but most Ashkenazim still do not eat them on Pesah. Sephardic authorities permit the use of all kitniyot and kitniyot products, provided they are carefully examined to make certain no grain seeds are mixed in with them. Israeli Pesah products are often marked Kosher lePesah l’okhlei kitniyot, “Kosher for Passover for those who eat kitniyot.” If you do not intend to use kitniyot, you must be especially attentive to the labels when purchasing Israeli products for Pesah. If you want to be sure that all guests will be comfortable in your home, follow the more restrictive standard. If you want to use kitniyot products, consult one of our rabbis.

Permitted Foods

1 Foods that require Kosher lePesah certification

- All baked products (including matzah and all products containing matzah, such as farfel, matzah meal, matzah cake flour)
- Candy
- Canned or bottled fruit juice
- Canned tuna
- Dairy products, including milk, butter, cheese, sour cream, and yogurt
- Decaf coffee
- Dried fruit
- Frozen uncooked vegetables (see above for kitniyot)
- Jam
- Pickled herring
- Soda drinks
- Vegetable oil
- Vinegar
- Wine and other alcoholic beverages
- Any processed foods bought during Pesah

2 Foods that require no Kosher lePesah label if bought before Pesah, but do require a Kosher lePesah label if bought during Pesah

- Baking soda
- Black tea (not herbal, not decaf)
- Coffee – regular, not decaf, without flavoring and without additives
- Frozen uncooked fruit with no additives
- Honey
- Milk
- Pepper and other spices
- Salt (not iodized)
- Sugar (except confectioners’ sugar, which contains cornstarch; see *Kitniyot* above)

3 Foods that require no Kosher le-Pesah label whether purchased before or during Pesah

- Fresh fruits and vegetables that have not been coated (The supermarket is required by the FDA to have a list of such products.)
- Eggs
- Fresh fish from a kosher source
- Fresh kosher meat
- Frozen, raw hekshered meat except ground products (Ground products could be prepared on the same equipment as meat with prohibited materials.)

Note: During Pesah hametz does not lose its identity in a mixture. On these eight days, even the minutest amount of hametz in a food makes the entire food hametz. During the rest of the year, however, hametz follows the normal rabbinic rule of admixture (batel be-shishim); that is, it loses its identity in a mixture of one part hametz and sixty parts non-hametz. This distinction allows us to differentiate between foods purchased before Pesah and foods purchased during the holiday.

Suppose that a 5-lb. bag of sugar contains an infinitesimal amount of hametz. Before Pesah, the hametz is nullified according to the rule of batel ba-shishim, and all the sugar is considered non-hametz. One can buy it before Pesah and use it during the holiday. During Pesah, however, the tiny quantity of hametz makes all the sugar in the bag hametz; one can’t acquire it and use it during the holiday. If one buys a package of sugar during the week of Pesah, it must have Kosher lePesah certification.

Non Foods

Medicine: Hametz binders are used in many pills. If there is a choice, capsules, because they do not need binders, are preferable to pills. If a medicine is required for life sustaining therapy, it may be used on Pesah. If it is not for life sustaining therapy, authorities differ in their approaches. Please consult with one of our rabbis.

Toiletries & Cosmetics: It is not necessary to dispose of or sell non-food items such as shampoo or cologne, and they may be used on Pesah. One should use a new toothbrush and tube of toothpaste.

Detergents & Cleansers: Any detergent or soap which has valid kosher supervision for year-round use does not need a kosher lePesah label.

Preparing the Home for Pesah

Many people begin active preparation for Pesah the moment Purim is over, cleaning the house room by room, holding back from buying hametz foods, and using up what is in the pantry. While it is wonderful to enter Pesah with a clean home, it is also important to remember that all schmutz is not hametz. Better to miss a dustball than to take no joy in the approach of the holiday.

Selling of Hametz

Recognizing that not everyone can remove or destroy all leavened products, the rabbinic sages provided a legal remedy. Through *mekhirat hametz*, the selling of hametz to a non-Jew, we arrange technically not to own whatever hametz food and utensils are stored away in our homes. We accomplish this by authorizing the Rabbi to act as our agent to sell all our hametz and hametz utensils to a non-Jew. Although in other sales, the seller receives money, in this one, the seller accompanies the sale authorization with a donation, called *ma'ot hittin*, "money for wheat," which goes to help Jews who cannot afford matzah and other necessities for the holiday.

To authorize the rabbi as your agent

This year Rabbi Rein will be negotiating the sale of hametz. To authorize him as your agent to sell any hametz in your possession, you can come in person to sign the form in the Rabbis' office, or you can visit www.pasyn.org, for instructions on how to authorize the sale electronically.

B'dikat hametz & Biur hametz

The tradition ensures that even if we've overlooked a corner, the house will be ready. The night before Pesah, we make a formal, ritual search for hametz. The next morning we burn any remnants we've found. Both at the search and at the disposal, we declare any hametz we've missed to be ownerless, that is, it's as if it isn't there.

The procedure for the search, including the declaration that nullifies the hametz, is printed in many haggadot. Briefly: before doing the search, set aside the hametz you plan to eat the next morning. Then, to make certain the search is successful, place a few pieces of bread or crackers where they are sure to be seen.

Before searching, recite: *Barukh atah Adonai eloheinu melekh ha-olam asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu al biur hametz.* Blessed are You, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, who has commanded us concerning the destruction of the hametz.

Re-enacting the search of Mishnaic times, search by the light of a candle (or small flashlight). It is traditional to use a feather to brush the hametz into a large wooden spoon, but you can use any brush and container. Look everywhere that food may have been brought at any time, including storage areas.

After the search say, *"All leaven and all hametz that is in my possession that I did not see and did not destroy, let it be null and ownerless as the dust of the earth."*

The following morning, take the hametz from the search, plus whatever is left from breakfast, and burn it. Throw it into an incinerator, or burn it in a charcoal grill.

After the hametz is in the fire, say: *"All leaven and all hametz that is in my possession that I have seen or not seen, that I have destroyed or have not destroyed, let it be null and ownerless as the dust of the earth."*

Siyyum of the Firstborn

Firstborns are obligated to fast on erev Pesah to commemorate the redemption of Israel's firstborn while Egypt's firstborn perished; however, the commandment to celebrate the completion of a unit of Talmud study (siyyum) outweighs the commandment to fast. In order not to have to fast on the day before the seder, firstborn sons (and increasingly, daughters) attend morning minyan and a study session and then join in the celebratory meal afterwards.

Monday, March 29 | 7:00 am | Morning minyan followed by a **siyyum and breakfast**

This Passover Guide is meant to start you off on your Pesah preparations. For more information, browse the Haggadah Fair, and attend the other events described on page 10 of the March Bulletin: an art workshop with Ellen Alt and Rabbi Rein's classes on Sunday, March 14, and Rabbi Cosgrove's annual "Insights on the Haggadah" on Tuesday evening, March 16. Also check for holiday resources at www.pasyn.org.

Seder Planning

- ☐ **Invite guests.** Young adults and empty-nesters especially appreciate a seder invitation.
- ☐ **Study the Haggadah ahead of time.** Advance preparation for the seder service, not only for the meal, will make for a more meaningful and enjoyable time for everyone.
- ☐ **Be certain you have:**
 - ☐ all the necessary dishes ☐ all the necessary foods
 - ☐ enough Haggadot to go around.
- ☐ **Rehearse the "Four Questions"** with the youngest member of the household.
- ☐ **Prepare an appropriate gift** – maybe a book – as a ransom for the afikoman.
- ☐ **Use flowers or plants to emphasize spring.** Another name for Passover is *Hag ha-aviv*, the spring holiday.
- ☐ **Encourage everyone to "dress" for the seder.** Have enough kippot for guests.
- ☐ **Make telling the story the main part of the seder** and the meal secondary.
- ☐ **Give everyone at the table a turn to read** or to lead a part of the seder. Children can act out part of the story and open the door for Elijah.
- ☐ **To stave off hunger**, expand *Karpas* – dipping the green vegetable – to a light course of crudités, but make sure everyone still has an appetite for the first bite of matzah.

Preparing the Kitchen for Pesah

This section is based on the guide prepared by the Rabbinical Assembly Committee on Jewish Law & Standards (CJLS), which is available on their website, www.rabbinicalassembly.org. The RA Guide has been revised for 2010 to reflect changes in food production, as well as decisions of the CJLS since the previous versions. If you have saved a copy of the Guide with your Passover lists and recipes, be sure to replace it with the new version.

If you have questions regarding Pesah practice, contact the Rabbis' office at 212-369-2600, x120.

Food

The sale of hametz to a non-Jew, *mekhirat hametz*, described on the page to the left, is a valid and legal transaction. At the end of the holiday, the agent – in this case, our Rabbi – will arrange to buy back the items on behalf of the owner(s), since the hametz is once again permitted. Hametz owned by a Jew for which ownership is not transferred before the holiday is forbidden for use after the holiday; it is called *hametz sheh-avar ha-Pesah*.

The Torah states that one may not eat any hametz during Pesah. Since many prepared foods may contain some admixture of hametz, special care is necessary when shopping and preparing for Pesah.

A food product that is kosher all year round, that is made with no hametz, and is processed on machines used only for that item

and nothing else may be used with no special Pesah supervision. White milk would be an example of such a product. In most cases however, since we do not know enough about the processing of products or the sources of ingredients, products ought to have Pesah supervision. If you have questions about how this guideline applies, ask one of our rabbis.

All kosher for Pesah items must have a label indicating the name of a recognizable living supervising Rabbi or kosher supervision agency. Items that have a label that is not integral to the package (a sticker) and that does not indicate the product and the current Pesah year (2010 or 5770), should not be used without consulting one of our rabbis.

Kitchen

It is customary (and if one has the space, easiest) to remove the utensils and dishes that are used during the year, and to replace them with utensils used only for Pesah. For most people, this is not possible for major appliances and may not be possible for dishes and utensils. There are therefore ways to kasher many, but not all, kitchen items to make them usable on Pesah.

Decide in advance which year-round equipment you want to use on Pesah. The process of switching an item over to Pesah use may require a 24-hour period between using it for hametz and making it ready for Pesah. It may not be possible to change something over at the last moment.

Storing hametz which has been sold: Separate hametz food and non-Pesah dishes and utensils from Pesah food and utensils and put them away in a box or a closed cabinet. A dishwasher that is not kashered for Pesah makes a good storage place! Tape hametz drawers and cabinets closed to prevent opening them out of habit.

Pots, Pans, Dishes, & Utensils: The method for kashering kitchen utensils depends on how they are used:

- **Used in cooking on the stovetop:** kashered by boiling
- **Used in broiling:** kashered by fire and heat
- **Used for cold food:** kashered by rinsing

Metal: The following procedures apply only to cutlery and utensils made entirely of uncoated metal. Baking utensils cannot be kashered.

Thoroughly clean the items, then leave them unused for a full 24 hours. Pay extra attention to pot handles. If a handle can be removed, do so for a more thorough cleaning.

After the 24-hour waiting period, immerse the items in water at a rolling boil in a Passover pot.

Each item must be completely exposed to the boiling water. Immerse pots and pans in a larger pot (may be done one section at a time) or boil water in them and then drop something in to make the boiling water overflow and cover the rim and sides of the pot. In former times, one used a heated stone; the lid to a smaller pot also works. Immerse cutlery, kiddush cups and other small items individually, so that every part of each piece is exposed to the boiling water. Finally, rinse each item in cold water.

Glassware: Authorities differ on how to kasher glass. One opinion requires soaking items in water for three days, changing the water every 24 hours; the other requires only a thorough cleaning and rinsing, either by hand or in the dishwasher.

Pyrex: If it has not been used in the oven, treat it like glassware. If it has been used in the oven, then (like a metal baking pan) it cannot be kashered.

Earthenware: China and pottery cannot be kashered, except translucent china that has not been used for a full year may be made kosher lePesah by cleaning it thoroughly in hot water. The dishes then become like new, and may be designated for either meat or dairy.

Plastic: Plastic items generally may not be kashered. Consult one of the rabbis for specifics.

Ovens: Put self-cleaning ovens through the self-cleaning cycle. Wipe out ash residue with a Passover sponge. In other ovens, scrub the walls, top, and bottom, and scour the racks. Then heat the oven at maximum heat for an hour. Kasher a convection oven the same way; make sure to clean thoroughly around the fan.

Stovetops: If the stove top lifts, open it and clean underneath.

Clean the grates and drip pans. If the drip pans do not come clean, buy a separate set for Pesah or cover them with foil.

Turn the burners to full heat (only two at a time, to avoid overheating the area). Electric elements should be heated until they turn red and glow; gas burners, for long enough to burn away any residue on the grates.

Smooth top electric ranges present a challenge. Clean the top thoroughly; turn the burners to maximum so that the stovetop becomes as hot as possible; then carefully pour boiling water on the surface area around the burners.

Microwave ovens: A microwave oven that has a browning element cannot be kashered. Other microwave ovens should be thoroughly cleaned. Then put 2 cups of water in a kosher lePesah container and microwave on high until half the water has boiled away. Caution: boiling away all the water and running the microwave empty will damage the oven.

Dishwasher: If the dishwasher is stainless-steel-lined, clean it thoroughly, then run it empty for a full cycle with detergent. This completes the cleaning. Leave the dishwasher unused for 24 hours. Then run it again, empty, without detergent, to kasher it. After this process, the dishwasher and the racks are like new. For enamel-coated dishwashers and racks, consult one of the rabbis.

Electrical appliances: If parts that come into contact with food are not removable, the appliance cannot be kashered. Kasher removable parts in the same way as non-electric utensils. Thoroughly clean all exposed parts.

Refrigerator and freezer: Clean the refrigerator according to the manufacturer's instructions. Defrost (if necessary) and clean the freezer. Racks do not need to be covered.

Kitchen sink: Thoroughly clean the sink with special attention to the drain. Put a new rack or liner in the bottom and use a Passover dishpan. For instructions on how to kasher a metal sink without having to use a dishpan see www.pasyn.org.

Counters: The general rule is to clean them thoroughly, and then cover them with Con-tact®, foil, or plastic sheets (which can be saved year-to-year). Some types of counter may be kashered without covering them as long as they are not stained, scratched, cracked, or chipped. For instructions and to see whether or not your counter is eligible, see www.pasyn.org.

Tables: Follow the same procedure as for counters. If the surface is not used for food prep, paper or cloth may also be used for covers. The cloth must not have been exposed to hametz, e.g. starch.

Shelves and cabinets: Wipe them well. If you use shelf paper, replace it. If not, wiped shelves do not have to be covered.

Sponsored by Men's Club

Game Show Night! | \$ ⑥

Tuesday, March 2 | 7:00 pm

Compete and win prizes on Family Feud, The Newlywed Game, or Jewish Jeopardy. \$10/person including light dinner.

\$ ⑥ RSVP to jdolinsky@nyc.rr.com.

Passover Wine Tasting and Sale

Monday, March 15 | 7:00 pm

Sample kosher for Passover wines. Place your order and the wine will be delivered to your home before Pesah.

Project Ezra Passover Food Delivery | ⑥

Sunday, March 28 | 10:00 am

Team up with our High School students to bring food to Jewish elderly on the Lower East Side. Meet at PAS.

⑥ RSVP to jdolinsky@nyc.rr.com and say whether you will drive or need a ride

Exhibits

PAS Gallery

Promised Land: Photographs by Chanan Getraide

Through July

From close-ups of desert earth to dreamy landscapes, Getraide's work depicts Israel as you've never seen it before. Each photograph is matched to a verse of love poetry. Watch for events associated with this exhibit in future issues of the Bulletin and on www.pasyn.org.

Sponsored by the Edmond de Rothschild Library

First Floor Display Cases

This month: PAS Galas Past and Present and The Legacy of Rabbi Milton Steinberg, z"l



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When Do We Eat? | Tuesday, March 9 | 7:00 pm

Ira Stuckman prides himself on leading the world's fastest seder. This year, he's thwarted by a line-up of guests carrying every imaginable bundle of religious and social baggage. It sounds like a set-up for mockery, but Salvador Litvak's film turns out to say something profound about celebrating the Festival of Freedom. Marga Hirsch will lead a short discussion after the screening.

Sponsored by Sisterhood

Renoir and the French Impressionists

Explore the life and art of Renoir, including his relationships with other painters, such as Pissarro, who was Jewish. See the film, have a bite of lunch, and stay for the discussion.

Museums

Sponsored by Sisterhood

"Nature and the American Vision: The Hudson River School" | \$ ⑥

Thursday, March 4 | 1:00 pm

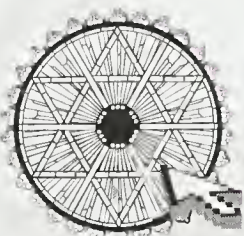
New York Historical Society, 77th St. & Central Park West

Join Sisterhood members and nonmembers – men as well as women – for a guided tour. The exhibit features more than 100 landscape paintings from the leading artists of the Hudson River School. Meet in the admission area at 12:45 pm. Cost: \$9 for seniors; \$12 for non-seniors

\$ ⑥ RSVP to Helene Agrest, 212-362-1233.

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Lecture



Co-sponsored by PAS and the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, METNY Region
Professor Daniel Garber, Princeton University

Spinoza's Paradox: Religion, Truth, and the State | ©

Thursday, March 4 | 7:30 pm

Daniel Garber is Stuart Professor of Philosophy and Chairman of the Department of Philosophy at Princeton University, where he is also affiliated with the Program in History of Science and the Department of Politics. He received his A.B. and Ph.D. from Harvard University. Dr. Garber specializes in the history of philosophy and science in the early-modern period, and is the author of numerous scholarly articles and a number of books, most recently Leibniz: Body, Substance, Monad.

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Haggadah Fair

Tuesday, March 9 – Friday, March 26 | In the Gallery | Hours vary

Buy Haggadot of all sorts, as well as Pesah story books and an assortment of frogs. Pick up a wealth of free ideas to enliven your Seder.

Pesah Preparation for Everyone

Sunday, March 14 | 10:15 am – 12:00 pm

Family Art Workshop

10:15 am – 12:00 pm | Ellen Alt

Create a giant seder plate and other ritual objects.
Dress casually and be ready for some hands-on fun!

Preparing your Kitchen

10:15 – 11:00 am | Rabbi Steven Rein

How do you kasher the microwave? The Espresso machine? Do you have to cover the stone countertops? What is necessary and what is custom? Learn how to make your 21st-century kitchen ready for Pesah without feeling you're enslaved.

Create an Engaging Seder

11:00 – 11:45 am | Rabbi Steven Rein

The essence of a seder is to do the same things in the same order every year. So how do you make it interesting for family members and guests of all ages. Learn how to make a lively seder that will engage children and adults of all ages.

Sponsored by the Tikkun Olam Committee and the Congregational School

Pre-Pesah Food Drive

Monday, March 15 – Thursday, March 25

Collection boxes will be in the Lobby and outside the Congregational School offices on the 3rd floor. If you can't eat all your hametz – give it to someone who can! As you clean your kitchen, bring your unopened packages of food that is not kosher for Passover to the Synagogue to stock the High School Food Pantry. In these times, there are more people in need than ever, so don't lock up those unopened packages – give them away.

Insights into the Haggadah

Tuesday, March 16 | 7:00-8:30 pm | Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove

The Haggadah tells us *yakhol mei-rosh hodesh* – perhaps we should speak of the Exodus from Egypt during the entire month, beginning with the new moon of Nisan, and not wait until the 15th day of the month, the day of Pesah. Join Rabbi Cosgrove on the night of Rosh Hodesh Nisan to begin your spiritual preparation for the Festival of Freedom.



Pre-Pesah Events

Reclaiming Shabbat | ㉔

Friday, March 5 | In members' homes | Immediately after Kabbalat Shabbat Services

Build friendships and create warm Shabbat experiences. Have Shabbat dinner with other congregants, either as hosts or as guests. Although the deadline to register has passed, there may still be places available.

㉔ For more information, contact Craig Demarest at cdemarest@pasyn.org or 212-369-2600, x111.



Miltan Steinberg 60th Yahrzeit & Book Launch Weekend

Shabbat Dinner Celebrating PAS Arms & Committees | \$ ㉔

Re-imagining the Bible: Fiction, Women, and the Power of Untold Stories

Anita Diamant, Speaker

Friday, March 19 | 7:30 pm | Immediately after Services

For more information see page 4, or turn to page 14 of the Winter/Spring Program Calendar.

RSVP by March 16. \$35/members, \$45/non-members. Registration information below.

Peter Geffen, Former Principal of the PAS High School

Amy Harmon, Founding Co-chair of the Food Pantry Committee

Food Pantry Shabbat | \$ ㉔

Shabbat Hal ha-Maed Pesah

Friday, April 2 | 7:00 pm | Immediately after Services

We begin the Passover Seder with a ritual invitation to "let all who are hungry come and eat." The PAS High School Food Pantry invites the hungry to come for food, not one or two evenings of the year, but week after week.

The Food Pantry provides bread, canned vegetables, pasta, applesauce, peanut butter, soups, tuna fish, and other nonperishable food to supplement the supplies of 150 families. Join current Food Pantry volunteers and their families as well as Food Pantry alums for a festive dinner to celebrate their accomplishments.

After dinner, we will hear reflections and recollections from Peter Geffen, former principal of the PAS high school, and Amy Harmon, co-chair of the original Food Pantry committee. Peter will share his perspective on allowing and encouraging teenagers to undertake creating an institution. Amy will recall her perspective on the inspiration for the project and the process of getting it off the ground. Other members of the original Food Pantry committee may join us to celebrate on Food Pantry Shabbat.

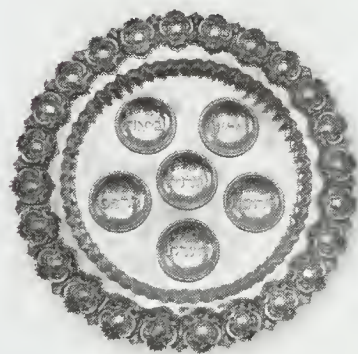
RSVP by March 29. \$45/members, \$60/non-members; \$25/children under 8.

\$ ㉔ RSVP to lifelonglearning@pasyn.org with full names of all attendees, ages of any children, and authorization to bill your account (non-members must pay in advance). Those without email call 212-369-2600, x140. Babysitting available upon request.



Peter A. Geffen is the Founder of the Abraham Joshua Heschel School and Founder & Director of Kivunim, The Institute of Experiential Learning for Israel and World Jewish Communities Studies. From 2003-05 he served as Executive Director of The Center for Jewish History.

Amy Harman is a Pulitzer Prize-winning correspondent for the New York Times.



PAS Community Seders | immediately following services | \$ ㉔

1st Night | Mandy, March 29 | 7:00 pm | Rabbi Rein & Cantor Razenfeld

2nd Night | Tuesday, March 30 | 8:00 pm | Rabbi Casgrave & Cantor Schwartz

\$ ㉔ RSVP by Monday, March 22. Space is limited. Reservations are required: \$75/members, \$125/non-members, \$50/children under 8. To register, email cdemarest@pasyn.org with full names of all attendees, ages of any children, and authorization to bill your account. (Non-members must pay in advance; non-member reservations will not be held until payment is received.) Those without email call 212-369-2600, x111.

Shabbat & Seder Dinner Cancellation Policy: Shabbat dinner reservations may be cancelled until noon on the Thursday before the dinner. Seder reservations may be cancelled until noon on Wednesday, March 24. If you cancel before this time, you may either receive a refund or you may credit your payment towards another dinner. If you cancel after this time, we unfortunately cannot issue any refunds.

Shabbat & Seder Dinners

Art Bolsters Curriculum, Calendar & Community

Ellen Alt, PAS Artist in Residence

The art studio at Park Avenue Synagogue is abuzz with creativity. Students in the Congregational School produce projects related to Hebrew, bible, and Israel. High school students paint large-scale murals. Families make projects for the holidays.

I am both a practicing, exhibiting artist and a devoted art educator. As resident artist at Park Avenue Synagogue, I have the opportunity to combine these two great loves into one gratifying experience.

The popular theory of multiple intelligences recognizes that children absorb knowledge in different ways. Learning visually is the easiest way for some students to retain information. Based on this, I often design the art curriculum for Congregational School students around classroom lessons. For example, students reinforce their learning of Hebrew through letter drawings, word construction and illustrated sentences. In playing with the language using color, stencils and their imagination, students review and strengthen their Hebrew language skills.

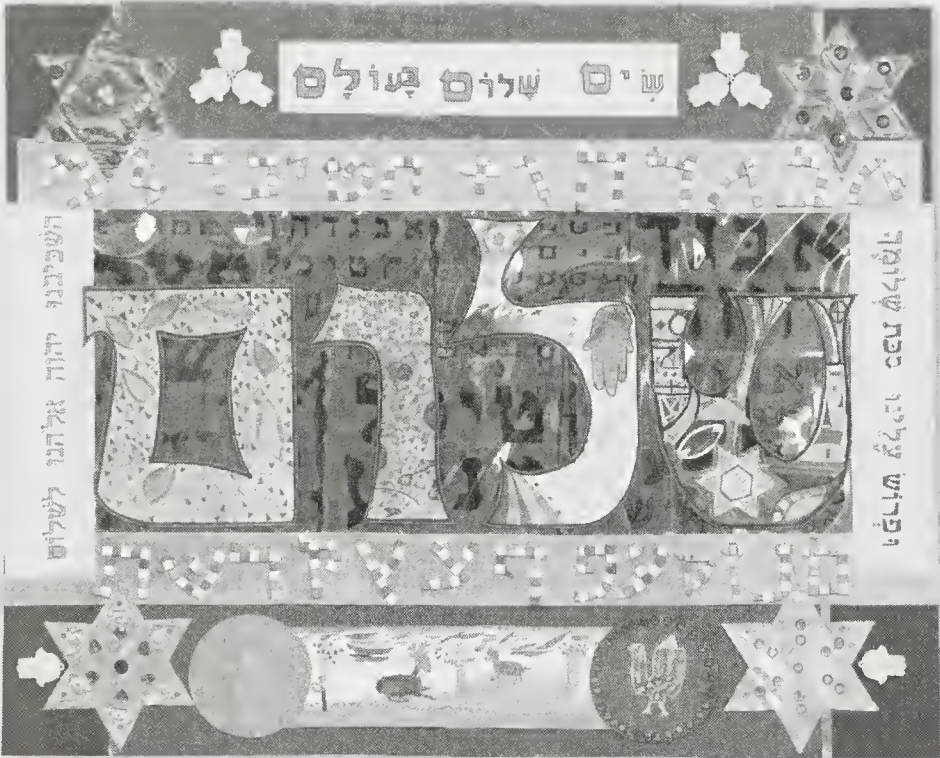
As Jews we live by two calendars: the civil, Gregorian, commercial calendar, and the Jewish calendar. Art is a clock for our Jewish calendar, which takes precedence inside the synagogue. Each holiday provides an opportunity to reinforce or expand students' knowledge of the holiday through art. Visit the third and fourth floors to see the bulletin boards, which always feature art related to the current holiday.

Art builds community. Each class has a special project, which

they create with great enthusiasm. This month, two grades are on board. As a donation for the annual Gala auction, the Vav class designed, drew, painted, and glued together a Hebrew piece based on Persian rug patterns. To create the design, the class studied the idea of peace and searched for prayers and Hebrew expressions for peace which they included.

Every year, the Daled classes make the centerpieces for Shabbat HaKavod, which is on March 6. This year's theme is from *Parashat Ki Tissa*, where every Israelite is required to contribute for the good of the whole community. The students made 33 centerpieces featuring decorative tzedakah boxes with Israeli shekels going into them. In addition to the building of the centerpieces, the Daled class also takes them apart after Shabbat HaKavod so that the following year's Daled class will be able to reuse the 198 pieces of Styrofoam used to form the bases. In this way the lesson of art is expanded from construction to deconstruction to recycling.

In many ways I see this message from *Parashat Ki Tissa* as the goal of the art education program at PAS. As students develop their Jewish identity in the Congregational School, I provide opportunities for them to use their Jewish knowledge creatively. When they make and show their work on the bulletin boards of the school, paint murals on the walls and make unique creations for special events, they also contribute to the greater synagogue community.



Children's + School Program Schedule

Monday, March 1	5:00 – 5:45 pm	Understanding the Siddur Parent Ed	Cantor Rozenfeld
Tuesday, March 2	4:45 – 5:30 pm	Mitzvah Initiative Parent Ed	Rabbi Rein
Wednesday, March 3	5:00 – 5:45 pm	Mitzvah Initiative Parent Ed	Rabbi Cosgrove
Thursday, March 4	5:30 – 7:00 pm	Vav B'nei Mitzvah program	
Saturday, March 6	9:15 am	Shabbat HaKavod	
Wednesday, March 10	5:30 – 7:00 pm	Zayin B'nei Mitzvah program	
Friday, March 12	6:15 pm	Hay, Vav Kabbalat Shabbat service and dinner	
Saturday, March 13		Junior Congregation and classes	
Monday, March 15-18		Model Seders	
Saturday, March 20	11:15 am – 12:15pm	Pre-K Shabbat	
Saturday, March 20		Junior Congregation and classes	
Saturday March 27		NO SCHOOL – Spring Break begins	



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"For now the winter is past...the song of the turtledove is heard in our land." (Song of Songs 2:11-12)

Jason Oppenheimer, Director

Here in the PAS Youth Activities Department, we may not hear the turtledove, but certainly the voices of happy youth – for the time of Spring Break has come! Don't let the relative calm of two weeks of R& R with friends and families fool you! March and April are going to be as jam-packed with fun youth activities as any time of the year. Here's what's ahead!

שבת הכבוד

Shabbat HaKavod | Saturday morning | March 6

Join the PAS community for a uniquely youthful service, as we recognize the many accomplishments of our Congregational School students with some new, incredible contributions from the Rabbi Judah Nadich High School Program.



Ruach (1st – 2nd grade)

Ruach Matza-Mania | Sunday, March 7 | 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Students in 1st & 2nd grades will get into the Pesach spirit with our first annual Matza-Mania! From making chocolate-covered matza to an exciting matza-decorating contest, we're going to have a great time.

עזרה PROJECT EZRA

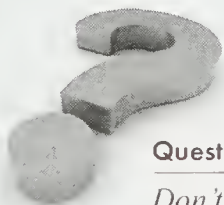
Passover and Project Ezra | March 28

Every year the High School students help out the Project Ezra organization by assembling and delivering Kosher for Passover food packages for Jewish seniors living in the Lower East Side. This is a great chance for our students to reconnect with seniors they met during our annual Hanukah event.



Food Pantry Shabbat Extravaganza | April 2 – 3

If the annual tradition of honoring our wonderful food pantry volunteers weren't reason enough to join us, then come especially because this year, the Food Pantry is celebrating its 25th anniversary of community service. This incredible legacy would never have been possible without the unfailing support of the PAS community, so we want everyone to be part of the celebration. Come join the dozens and dozens of volunteers who have helped to make this 25-year-young program so unbelievably amazing!



Questions, comments, or concerns?

Don't hesitate to contact Jason Oppenheimer, Director of Youth Activities, 212-369-2600, x141 or joppenheimer@pasyn.org.

Do you know someone ill,
elderly or homebound?

The **PAS Bikur Cholim Caring Committee** reaches out to those in need through telephone calls, visits, and holiday packages. The Caring Committee's trained volunteers are committed to providing confidential hands-on support and companionship to the members of our congregation.

To arrange for this mitzvah, please call Rabbi Cosgrove's office at 212-369-2600, x120. In loving memory of Dr. Albert and Phyllis L. Cornell.

Cantor Abramson’s Discretionary Fund

Gail & David Furman, *in honor of their son Xander Furman’s Bar Mitzvah.*
Howard & Shereen Rutman, *in honor of Cantor Abramson’s award from Masorti Olami.*
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Dr. Samuel & Anne Katz.
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Dr. John Abroon, *in honor of his birthday.*
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Bonnie Chajet, *in memory of her beloved father Richard Loeb.*

Esta Chavkin, *in memory of her beloved mother Janet Greenberg.*
Nadine Habousha & Ed Cohen, *on the occasion of the birth of Paul & Joan Schreiber’s grandson.*
Dr. Juliet Diller, *in memory of her beloved sister Blanche Rubin.*
Suzanne & Harvey Drachman, *in honor of his 85th birthday.*
Roger & Carol Einiger, *in memory of Bella Blum.*
Steven Fisch & Allison Schncirov Fisch, *in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Samuel David Fisch.*
Edgar Freitag, *in memory of his beloved father Fred Freitag.*
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Dorothy Goldman, *in memory of her beloved mother Jeanne Siff Tapper.*
Mary Goldman, *in memory of her beloved husband Bertram Schwartz.*
Mary Goldman, *in memory of her beloved sister Shirley Joselow.*
Marjorie Goldschein, *in memory of her beloved father Maurice Nast.*
David Greenbaum, *in memory of his beloved father Walter Greenbaum.*
Efraim Grinberg, *in memory of his beloved father-in-law Bernard Fishman.*
Leon Heller, *in memory of his beloved mother May Heller.*
Myles Horn, *in memory of his beloved father Harry Horn.*
Carol Hyman, *in memory of her beloved father-in-law Abraham Hyman.*
Barbara Jacobs, *in memory of her beloved father George L. Schlissel.*
Stephen Judlow, *in memory of his beloved father Abram Judlowe.*
Barbara & David Julie, *in memory of her mother Nettie Goodman.*
Barbara & David Julie, *in honor of Jennifer A. Huber, our daughter-in-law to be.*
Howard Kaplan, *in memory of his beloved father Louis Kaplan.*
Miriam Kaplan, *in memory of her beloved sister Estelle Florence.*
Abraham Katz.
Marilyn Katz, *in memory of her beloved father Irving Greenberg.*
Gershon Kekst, *in memory of his beloved brother Zalman Abraham Kekst.*
Paul & Vivienne Koreto, *in honor of their anniversary.*
Cantor David & Joan Lefkowitz, *in honor of the marriage of Lucy & Robert Becker’s son.*
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Cantor David & Joan Lefkowitz, *in memory of Leonard Bernstein, father of Louis Bernstein.*
Cantor David & Joan Lefkowitz, *in memory of Jeannette Schapiro, mother of Carol Kekst.*
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Ann Leichtling, *in memory of her beloved husband Martin Leichtling.*
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Bernard Leventhal, *in honor of his birthday.*
Linda Levine, *in memory of her beloved Rose Rothman.*
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Lili Mahlab, *in memory of her beloved father Edward Mahlab.*
Ben Mendelsohn, *in memory his beloved wife Rose Mendelsohn.*
Janet Moss, *in memory of her beloved sister Adelaide Prince.*

Brenda Pace, *in honor of Richard & Nicole Nackenson’s dedication of a window in memory of Richard’s parents.*
Melita Peckman, *in honor of Harvey Drachman’s birthday.*
Susan & Seth Perelman, *in memory of Lisa Noble’s sister-in-law.*
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Doris Siskin, *in honor of her birthday.*
Tamara & Michael Stark, *in memory of Shepard King.*
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Ellen Yuder, *in memory of her beloved mother Edna Davidman.*
Annette Zimmerman, *in honor of her birthday.*
Bernard Zuckerman, *in honor of his birthday.*



ANY CHANGES ARE NOTED WHEN THEY OCCUR.	1 15 Adar Shushan Purim	2 16 Adar	3 17 Adar	4 18 Adar	5 19 Adar	6 20 Adar Parashat Ki Tissa Shabbat Parah
Daily Shaharit Minyanim Monday – Friday at 7:15 am; Sundays & Legal Holidays at 9:00 am. Minha/Ma'ariv Sunday – Thursday at 5:45 pm.	9:30 am JAMS 5:00 pm Understanding the Siddur 6:30 pm Hebrew & Prayer classes	8:00 am Essential Essays 11:30 am Contemporary Jewish Thought 4:45 pm Mitzvah Initiative 7:00 pm MC Game Show Night	5:00 pm Mitzvah Initiative 6:45 pm Melton classes	9:15 am Melton classes 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn 1:00 pm Sisterhood Museum Tour 7:30 pm MELTAY Spinoza Lecture	8:00 am Talmud Torah 9:30 am HaMishpachah Sheli 6:15 pm Musical Kabbalat Shabbat Reclaiming Shabbat Dinners	8:45 am Parashat HaShavua 9:15 am Sanctuary Shabbat Service & Shabbat HaKavod 9:30 am Havurah 11:15 am Tot Shabbat HaKavod 5:45 pm Minha/Ma'ariv Service
7 21 Adar	8 22 Adar	9 23 Adar	10 24 Adar	11 25 Adar	12 26 Adar	13 27 Adar
1:00 pm Ruach Matza-Mania	9:30 am JAMS 5:00 pm Syn. Leadership Skills 6:30 pm Hebrew & Prayer classes 7:30 pm Women's Torah Study Group	Haggadah Fair opens 8:00 am Essential Essays 11:30 am Contemporary Jewish Thought 7:00 pm Film "When Do We Eat?"	Haggadah Fair 6:45 pm Melton classes	Haggadah Fair 9:15 am Melton classes 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn	Candle lighting, 5:41 pm Haggadah Fair	Parashat Va-yak-hel/ P'kudei Shabbat haHodesh
14 28 Adar	15 29 Adar	16 1 Nisan	17 2 Nisan	18 3 Nisan	19 4 Nisan	20 5 Nisan
Haggadah Fair	Haggadah Fair	Rosh Hodesh Haggadah Fair	Haggadah Fair	Haggadah Fair	Haggadah Fair Milton Steinberg Weekend	Parashat Va-yikra Milton Steinberg Weekend
10:15 am Pesah Family Art Workshop 10:15 am Prepare the Kitchen for Passover 11:15 am Creating an Engaging Seder	9:30 am JAMS CS Model Seder 5:00 pm Syn. Leadership Skills 6:30 pm Hebrew & Prayer classes 7:30 pm Women's Torah Study Group	8:00 am Essential Essays 11:30 am Contemporary Jewish Thought 1:00 pm Yiddish Club CS Model Seder	CS Model Seder 6:45 pm Melton classes	9:15 am Melton classes 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn CS Model Seder 7:00 pm UJA@PAS Tips, Tools & Resources 7:30 pm Moonbeams	8:00 am Talmud Torah 9:30 am HaMishpachah Sheli 5:00 pm Young Families Shabbat Service & Dinner 6:15 pm Musical Kab. Shabbat Congregational Shabbat Dinner & Speaker	8:45 am Parashat HaShavua 9:15 am Sanctuary Shabbat Service 10:15 am Iyun Tefillah 10:15 am Jr. Congregation 11:15 am Pre-K Shabbat 6:30 pm Minha/Ma'ariv Service
21 6 Nisan	22 7 Nisan	23 8 Nisan	24 9 Nisan	25 11 Nisan	26 10 Nisan	27 12 Nisan
Milton Steinberg Weekend	Haggadah Fair	Haggadah Fair	Haggadah Fair	got melton? the florence melton adult mid/school a Project of The Jewish Community of Australia	Candle lighting, 6:56 pm Haggadah Fair ends	Parashat Tzav Shabbat haGadol
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28 13 Nisan	29 14 Nisan	30 15 Nisan	31 16 Nisan	1 17 Nisan	2 18 Nisan	3 19 Nisan
Milton Steinberg Weekend	Erev Pesah	1st day of Pesah	2nd day of Pesah	3rd day of Pesah	4th day of Pesah	5th day of Pesah
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A Look Ahead *For more information, see the Winter/Spring 2010 Program Calendar.*

Thursdays | April 8, 15 | 6:45 pm | **Smart Women/Smart Money: Financial Fluency for Women**
Sponsored by WEG, this program developed by Barnard College is open to all women of the congregation.

Sunday April 11 | 10:00am – 12:00pm | **Volunteer to Beautify Carl Schurz Park**
Plant, rake, mulch, plant, paint. Stay as long as you wish. All ages are welcome; children must be with an adult. For more info or to RSVP, contact Nancy Dolinsky at nancyd@nyc.rr.com.

Sunday, April 11 | 6:15 pm (fallowing 5:45 minyan) | **Yom HaShoah Commemoration**
A special program combining prayer, music, poetry, and personal accounts of Survivors.

Saturday, April 17 | **Seminary Shabbat**
JTS Chancellor Arnold Eisen will speak during Shabbat morning services.

Sunday, April 18 | 10:30 am – 12:00 pm | **Israel Parade Banner Workshop**
Adults and children 4th grade & up are invited and encouraged to help create a fabulous banner which we'll carry at the Salute to Israel Parade on May 23.

